(*d*) the overall length of any such vehicle inclusive of any load carried thereby shall not exceed 30 feet, except with the concurrence of the Chief Officer of Police of the district in which it is proposed that the vehicle shall operate (to whom at least two clear days' notice shall be given unless he consents to a lesser period of notice).

52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this thirtieth day of March, 1948.

(L.S.)

G. F. Stedman,
An Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This Order authorises, subject to conditions, the use on roads in the vicinity of places where they are used, e.g. docks, timberyards, etc., of heavy motor vehicles specially constructed to straddle and lift their loads for the purpose of transportation and commonly known as straddle carriers, notwithstanding that they do not comply with the provisions as to maximum overhang contained in the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947.

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (No. 2) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1197

Made - - - 5*th June,* 1948
Coming into Operation 19*th June,* 1948

20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

Whereas by section 3 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") may by order authorise, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in the Order, the use on roads of special motor vehicles or trailers, or special types of motor vehicles or trailers, which are constructed either for special purposes or for tests or trials;

And Whereas in pursuance of the said powers the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order, 1944(**a**), (hereinafter referred to as " the Order of 1944 ") and the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order, 1947(**b**), (hereinafter referred to as " the Order of 1947 ") were made authorising (subject to the conditions therein specified) the use on roads of land tractors constructed for the combined purpose of reaping and threshing notwithstanding that they do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947(**c**), (hereinafter referred to as " the Construction and Use Regulations ");

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1944 (No. 661) I, p. 898.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1290) I, p. 1936.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940.

And Whereas it is provided by the said section 3 that the Minister may at any time revoke, vary, or amend an order made thereunder;

And Whereas it is expedient that the Order of 1944 as amended by the Order of 1947 should be revoked and re-enacted with amendments;

Now, therefore, the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him as aforesaid and of all others powers him enabling hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 19th day of June, 1948, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (No. 2) Order, 1948."

2. The Order of 1944 as amended by the Order of 1947 is hereby revoked.

3. The Minister authorises the use on roads of land tractors constructed for the combined purpose of reaping and threshing notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 28 and 29 of the Construction and Use Regulations subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) no trailer shall be drawn by any such vehicle other than a two-wheeled trailer used solely for the carriage of the necessary gear and equipment of the vehicle;

(*b*) the overall width of any such vehicle if used during the months of July, August, September, October or November in any year shall not exceed 14 feet and if used at any other time shall not exceed 10 feet;

(*c*) where the overall width of any such vehicle

(i) exceeds 8 feet, but does not exceed 9 feet, one person, in addition to the driver, shall be in attendance on the vehicle;

(ii) exceeds 9 feet, two persons, in addition to the driver, shall be in attendance on the vehicle, one of whom shall whenever necessary proceed at a reasonable distance in front of the vehicle and the other of whom shall whenever necessary proceed at a reasonable distance behind the vehicle, in each case to give warning to other traffic on the road;

(*d*) before any such vehicle, the overall width of which exceeds 8 feet, is required to travel on roads for any distance exceeding 5 miles, 24 hours' notice of the intended journey shall be given to the Chief Officer of Police of every district through which it is intended that the vehicle shall pass, provided that with the concurrence of each such Chief Officer of Police concerned less than 24 hours' notice may be given, and any directions given by any such Chief Officer of Police as to the route to be followed shall be complied with;

(*e*) no such vehicle the overall width of which exceeds 10 feet shall travel at a speed exceeding 5 miles per hour and no other such vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

4. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this fifth day of June, 1948.

(L.S.)

P. Faulkner,
An Under Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order re-enacts with amendments the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order, 1944, which authorises, subject to certain conditions, the use on roads of combined harvester machines notwithstanding that they do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 28 and 29 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947, which restrict the overall width and overhang of motor tractors to 7 feet 6 inches and 6 feet respectively.

The changes are

(*a*) the maximum overall width of 10 feet permitted for such vehicles is increased to 14 feet during the months of July, August, September, October and November;

(*b*) the advance notice required to be given to the police in respect of journeys exceeding 5 miles is reduced from 2 days to 24 hours, and the police are empowered to give directions as to the route to be followed;

(*c*) the speed limit of 10 miles per hour is reduced to 5 miles per hour in the case of vehicles having an overall width exceeding 10 feet.

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(2) CONSTRUCTION AND USE

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 976

Made - - - -	*7th May*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*10th May*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*21st May*, 1948

20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") made the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947(a) (hereinafter referred to as " The Principal Regulations ");

And Whereas in exercise of the said powers the Minister made the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947(b), which provide that until the 1st day of June, 1948, Regulation 31 of the Principal Regulations (which provides that every wheel of a motor tractor shall be equipped with pneumatic tyres or tyres of soft or elastic material except in the case of land tractors which comply with, amongst other requirements, the requirement that the tyre of every steering wheel should be smooth-soled and where the tyre touches the surface of the road should be not less than 2½ inches

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(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940.
(b) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1623) I, p. 1972.